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In re Application of:

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INK JET RECORDING ELEMENT

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**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003. In the above captioned application please enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

1(twice amended). An ink jet recording element comprising a support having thereon a porous image-receiving layer comprising particles of fumed alumina, a binder formed from a poly(vinyl alcohol) [binder] and a crosslinking agent, said particles having a primary particle size of from about 7 to about 40 nm in diameter which may be aggregated up to about 300 nm, and said crosslinking agent being present in an amount of at least 20 weight % of said poly(vinyl alcohol) when said binder is formed. [binder].

**REMARKS**

Basis for the amendment to Claim 1 may be found in the examples where it is clear that the crosslinking agent is measured prior to curing of the layer when crosslinking takes place. It is of course true that the crosslinking material is also present in the cured binder layer in the same amount as in the material before